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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Santoro et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendments below and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a copy of the pending claims; (2) a Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fees; (3) a Utility Transmittal Letter; (4) a copy of International Application No. WO 00/56341; and (5) an unexecuted Declaration and Power Of Attorney.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Cancel claims 1-36, without prejudice.

Add new claims 37-78, as follows:

37. (new) A method for treating or preventing a disorder in a host, comprising administering to a host in need thereof a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of a compound of the formula (a) or (b):

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